

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Fundacion Xul para la comunicacion social y el desarrollo (Fundacion Xul)
PIC number:	920810137
Project name and acronym:	Ec(h)o-cultures


EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP18
Event name:	Ec(h)odebates
Type:	Workshop, debate, and mini-forum
In situ/online:	In-person (on-site) with a streaming component for the third session to maximize reach.
Location:	Córdoba, Spain
Date(s):	Session 1: April 3, 2025 Session 2: April 28, 2025 Session 3: June 5, 2025 Session 5 : September 16, 2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.fundacionxul.org/project/echo-debates-creando-una-ecocultura-diferente-en-cordoba/ https://vimeo.com/1119335480/c65fc40ae7
Participants	
Female:	30
Male:	28
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [Spain]:	58
From country 2 [name]:	
From country 3 [name]:	
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Total number of participants:	58	From total number of countries:	1
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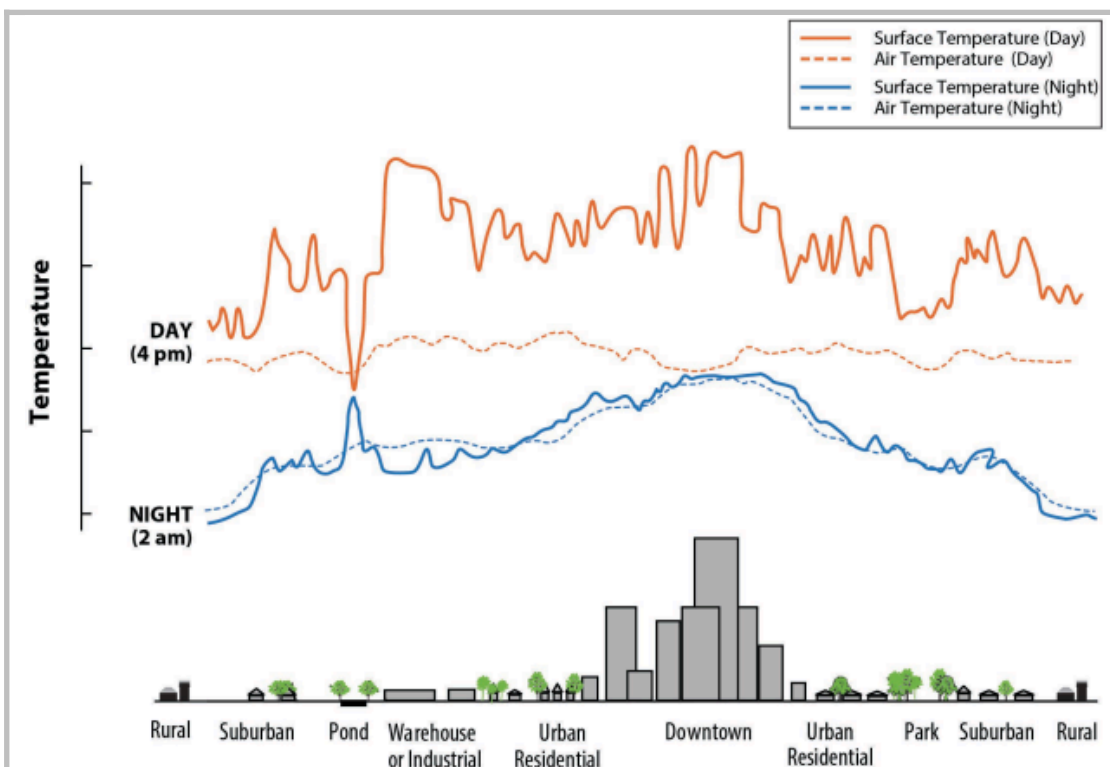
Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The "Ec(h)odebates" are a series of events from the Ec(h)o-cultures project, designed to promote critical reflection and collective action on climate change, with a focus on thermal stress and urban heat islands at a local level. The events are a mix of in-person workshops, debates, and mini-forums. The goal is to generate something tangible with a specific audience in mind, such as policymakers or youth. The sessions include presentations, open debate, and collaborative activities. The third session was streamed online to increase its reach. The "Ec(h)o-cultures" project is conceived as a process of collective debate and research.



Echodebate - 1st Session (April 3, 2025): Held at Espacio Plástico, this first session focused on breaking the ice and introducing the topic of climate change and thermal stress. Participants included professionals, activists, and concerned citizens. The session involved a presentation to set a framework and explored the causes of urban heat islands. The key objective was to introduce the topic and set a shared reference point for future discussions.



Echodebate - 2nd Session (April 28, 2025): Organized by Fundación Xul and Amasce.coop, this session at Espacio Plástico aimed to collectively evaluate the first session and delve deeper into key documentation. Participants debated topics such as strategies for combating extreme temperatures, the impact of climate change on human health, and alternatives for a resilient city. The session also served to define thematic interests and formats for future meetings.

Participants in the first and second Echodebates included a variety of profiles: from professionals such as engineers, architects and consultants from companies such as Lógica Plural, ReCo <https://www.rehabilitacordoba.com/> and the AMASCE cooperative, to committed activists from citizen platforms such as Plataforma Carril Bici and organisations such as the Red Cross, as well as the lawyer and manager of the Provincial Institute of Social Welfare <https://www.ipbscordoba.es/>. The Municipal Urban Planning Department has also participated, as well as the Patios de la Axerquia PAX <https://patiosaxerquia.org/> and Inhabit project in Córdoba <https://www.inhabit-h2020.eu/>



Echodebate - 3rd Session (June 5, 2025): This event, held at La Casa Escondida on World Environment Day, focused on the municipal plan to adapt Córdoba to climate change. The format was in-person with a live stream. It aimed to promote critical reflection on how the city can prepare for

future climate challenges. The discussion generated specific recommendations, such as fostering collaboration between the city council and citizens, promoting vegetation in historical areas, and involving educational centers in awareness programs. The Sustainability and Environment Delegation, responsible for implementing the Climate Adaptation Plan in Córdoba, participated in this echodebate.



The recommendations raised from this eco-debate focus on a dual approach to combatting climate change in the city: tangible urban interventions and enhanced public engagement. The debate highlighted the importance of implementing nature-based solutions in the historic center, such as promoting vegetation that provides cooling. These solutions should be complemented with the use of paving and materials with optimized thermal properties, all while ensuring they remain compatible with heritage conservation. Additionally, it was recommended to encourage collaboration with neighbourhood associations to leverage the potential of shared courtyards and common spaces as micro-mitigation areas. To ensure the success of any plan, the recommendations call for a more inclusive process. This includes establishing transparent, two-way communication channels between the City Council and citizens, using formats that are accessible and attractive to diverse groups, particularly young people. To gather a wide range of ideas, it's suggested to replicate colloquiums and workshops in different neighbourhoods, allowing residents to become co-creators of solutions. Finally, to build a sense of ownership, it's considered vital to involve educational centers, universities, and social groups in awareness and education programs related to the Plan.



Echodebate - 4th Session (September 16, 2025): The objective of this final session was to explore the creation of a "citizen laboratory" as a participatory and interdisciplinary space to address climate problems (Ec(h)oLab). The debate revolved around key questions such as whether it makes sense to create a lab, how it would be done, and what its purpose would be. The session also identified topics like urban materials, reduced vegetation, urban density, and human and industrial activity as causes of urban heat islands. It concluded with a reflection on the lessons learned and potential ways to continue the project. The participants concluded that it is crucial to move beyond mere discussion and establish a continuous collaborative space to seek funding and develop concrete projects. As a direct step towards this goal, several groups will join the "La Termometrada" initiative to demonstrate the importance of urban trees: <https://www.termometrada.org/>

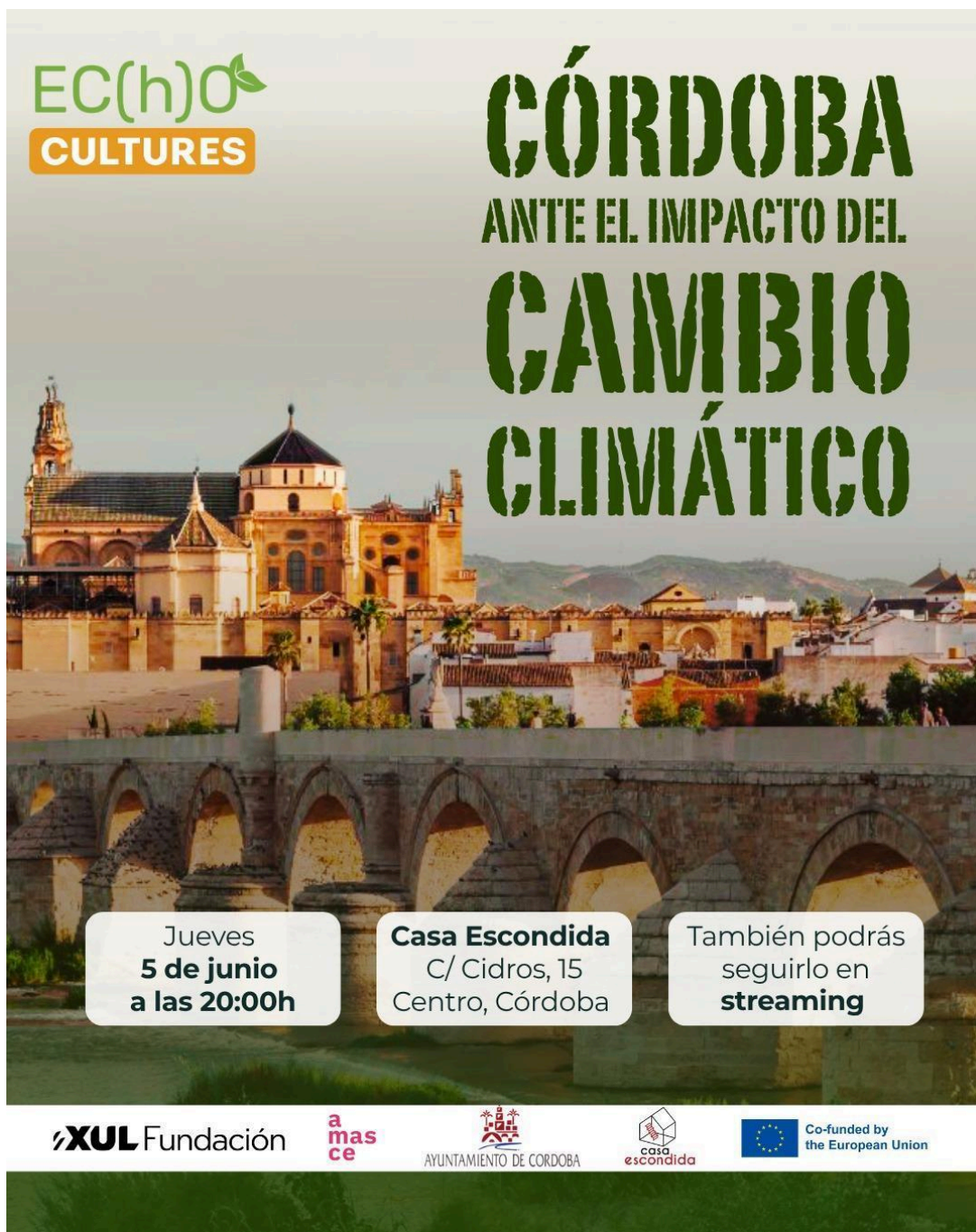


Participating groups in this final echodebate (who may have an interest in Ec(h)oLabs): Amasce Coop, Lógica Plural, Asociación El Brote, Plataforma Carril Bici, Córdoba pide Metro, Círculo Cerrado, Ecologistas en Acción, Barrios por el Clima, Coop Revelociona, La Fresnedilla, AAVV Santa Marina, Rebelión por el Clima, Consejo Municipal de Medio Ambiente, FLAMA.

To continue taking steps towards "Ec(h)oLab" various successful cases and references in this field will be analysed, including projects such as <https://www.labcsu.com/es/home-es/> or <https://labciudadano11.com/> and the Climate Cooperative <https://climatica.coop/>. In addition, international examples such as Giess den Kiez in Berlin

<https://citylab-berlin.org/en/projects/giessdenkiez/> will be studied, and research data on the impact of climate change in Spain will be considered, revealing that 68% of deaths from extreme heat in Europe are caused by this phenomenon.

You can watch a video summary of the eco-debates here: <https://vimeo.com/1119335480/c65fc40ae7>



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Jueves
5 de junio
a las 20:00h

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Centro, Córdoba

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